

IS SINCERITY ENOUGH?



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- Sincere = pure and free from hypocrisy;
genuine in intention

Is sincerity enough
for a pharmacist?



Is sincerity enough
for a surgeon?



Is sincerity enough
for an accountant?



Is sincerity enough
for a driver?



SINCERITY IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR A PHARMACIST,
A SURGEON, AN ACCOUNTANT, A DRIVER....AND THE
LIST GOES ON

- Is there reason to believe it is any different in religion?
- Let's see what the Bible says. Then we shall know.

SINCERE BELIEF?

- The man of God of 1 Kings 13
- The Jews of Romans 10:1-3
- Acts 23:1

SINCERE BELIEF?

Jonestown massacre, 1978
Over 900 followers dead



SINCERE BELIEF?

- It matters *what* you believe
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-15
- 1 John 4:1
- Romans 10:17
- Sincerity of belief is not enough
- Must sincerely believe the truth

SINCERE PRAYER?

- Saul of Tarsus – Acts 9:11; 22:16
- “Sinner’s prayer”
 - “Lord, I admit I am a sinner. I need and want Your forgiveness. I accept Your death as the penalty for my sin, and recognize that Your mercy and grace is a gift You offer to me because of Your great love, not based on anything I have done. Cleanse me and make me Your child. By faith I receive You into my heart as the Son of God and as Savior and Lord of my life. From now on, help me live for You, with You in control. In Your precious name, Amen”
 - Neither the sinner’s prayer nor any concept of it is found anywhere in the Bible

SINCERE PRAYER?

- Pray according to the will of God
 - 1 John 5:14-15; 3:21-22
- But not this prayer:
 - 1 John 5:16
- Sincerity in prayer not enough
- Must pray in sincerity and in truth

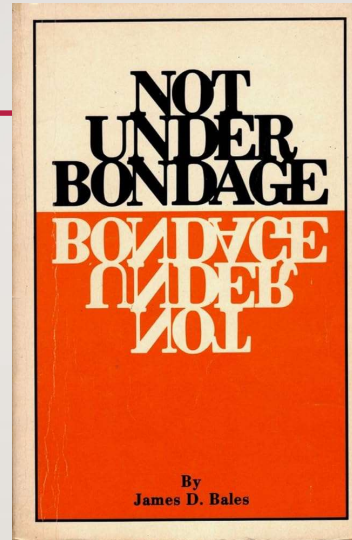
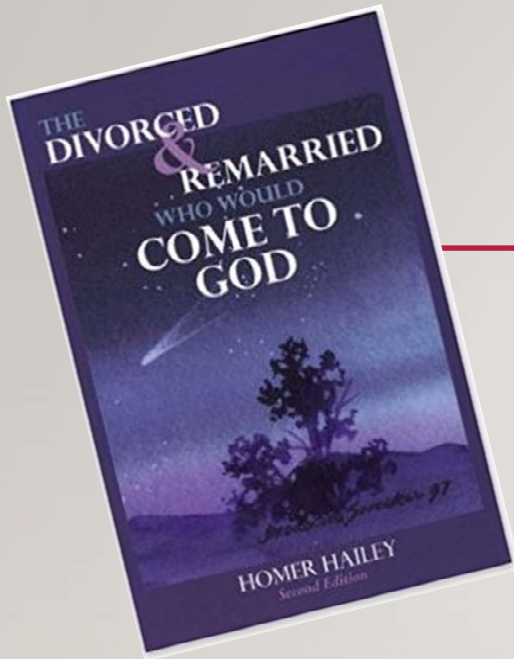
SINCERE WORSHIP?

- Matthew 7:21-23
- John 4:23-24
- Sincerity in worship not enough
- Must worship in sincerity and in truth

SINCERE TEACHER?

- 2 Timothy 2:16-18
- 1 John 4:6
- 2 John 9-11

SINCERE TEACHER?



Jack Freeman –
“The Scriptures
teach that a
person who is
divorced by his
mate for
committing
fornication is free
to marry
another”

- Sincerity in teaching not enough
- Must sincerely teach the truth

SINCERE WORKS?

- 2 Samuel 6:6-7; cf. 1 Chronicles 15:12-13
- Acts 10:1-2
- John 16:2
- Acts 26:9-11

SINCERE WORKS?

- Acts 10:34-35
- Titus 2:14
- Ephesians 2:10
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- James 2:20-24
- Sincerity in works not enough
- Must work in sincerity and according to truth

IS SINCERITY ENOUGH TO PLEASE GOD?

- Sincerity does not change
 - Sin to obedience
 - Error to truth
 - Wrong to right
- Joshua 24:14-15
- I Corinthians 5:8
- Revelation 20:12
- It is not either sincerity or truth. It is *both* sincerity *and* truth!